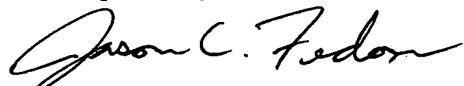


REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being made upon entry of International Application No. PCT/EP03/08567 into the U.S. National Phase of prosecution. In the specification, a new paragraph has been added to the first line of the specification to include the priority information. An Abstract on a separate sheet is attached as required under 37 CFR 1.72(b). Claims 3 to 13, 15, 16, 18, 22 to 31, 33 to 35, 37 to 47, 50, 51, 53, 55, 60 to 63, 65, 70, and 71 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies or to conform to US practice. Entry of this amendment into the record is requested.

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